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SPECIAL AGRO CREDIT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab National Bank has launched Special Agro Credit Project for encouraging farmers in Rajasthan to cultivate non-conventional medicinal, aromatic and herbal crops; (

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which this project is likely to benefit farmers in Rajasthan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a), (b) and (c): The Punjab National Bank(PNB) has not launched any Special Agro Credit Project in Rajasthan to cultivate non conventional crops like, medicinal, aromatic herbal crops. However, PNB has been encouraging farmers in Rajasthan through Kissan Goshthis and field visit to cultivate non conventional crops like, medicinal, aromatic herbal crops to derive benefits arising out of diversification in agriculture. The Bank has so far financed to the tune of Rs. 36.25 lakhs for cultivation of herbal/medicinal plants by farmers in Rajasthan.